GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1178
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WATER FOR IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of water for irrigation in the country;

(b) if so, the present status of availability of water for irrigation, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme to increase the number of reservoirs for irrigation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the area of unirrigated land in the country in terms of hectares at present, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) At present, there are about 4050 large dams in the country and numerous small dams. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs created through these dams is estimated to be 213 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) which is used for various purposes including irrigation. Further, the estimated total storage capacity of on-going projects is 76 BCM.

(e) The area of unirrigated land in the country is 79736 thousand hectares at present. The State-wise details is given in the Annex.
ANNEX

(Annex to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1178 for answer on 1.8.2005)

State-wise details of Net Irrigated Area, Net Sown Area and percentage of Unirrigated area

(in thousand hectare)

Sl. No.	Name of States	Unirrigated area
1	Andhra Pradesh	6001.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	122.00
3	Assam	2564.00
4	Bihar	2263.00
5	Chhittisgarh	3686.00
6	Goa	117.00
7	Gujarat	6628.00
8	Haryana	492.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	448.00
10	Jammu & Kashmir	433.00
11	Jharkhand	1605.00
12	Karnataka	7323.00
13	Kerala	1810.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	10024.00
15	Maharashtra	14608.00
16	Manipur	75.00
17	Meghalaya	171.00
18	Mizoram	138.00
19	Nagaland	259.00
20	Orissa	3797.00

21	Punjab	212.00
22	Rajasthan	6435.00
23	Sikkim	78.00
24	Tamil Nadu	2280.00
25	Tripura	243.00
26	Uttranchal	446.00
27	Uttar Pradesh	4365.00
28	West Bengal	3050.00
Total States		79673.00

A&N Island	38.00
Chandigarh	1.00
Daman & Diu	3.00
D & N Haveli	16.00
Delhi	0.00
Lakshadweep	2.00
Pondicherry	3.00
Total UTs	63.00
Grand Total	79736.00